

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office  
Attorney Docket 045636-5056

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**LACTIC ACID BACTERIA TRANSFORMED TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESPIRATORY METABOLISM**

was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/FR00/02611 on September 20, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office information which is material to the patentability of claims presented in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby authorize and request the attorneys empowered in this Declaration and Power of Attorney to insert above the serial number of the application identified above when known.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign Applications**

Country	Application Number	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
France	99/11735	20 September 1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code 119(e) of any U.S. provisional applications listed below.

**U.S. Provisional Applications**

U.S. Provisional Application No.	U.S. Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of claims presented in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**Prior U.S. Applications or PCT Applications Designating the U.S. for Benefit:**

U.S. Applications		Status		
U.S. Application No.	U.S. Filing Date	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
PCT Applications Designating the U.S.			Status	
PCT Application No.	International Filing Date	Published	Pending	Abandoned

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